







## THE RELIGIOUS JOURNAL

An Educative Power which Reaches Millions in its Wide Circulation.

News accounts of the Growth and Development of the Religious Workers—How the Deacons, Ministers Compare.

(Written for the Sunday Oregonian.)

The development of the daily press in the United States has done much to destroy the old religious journals. True it is that the cheap price of the weekly journals has had a greater influence than the great number of religious periodicals, but, as a rule the American reader is so much of a hurry to wait a week for news. In fact, in our great cities even the morning paper has become stale before the afternoon has fairly begun. Even the literary papers are suffering by reason of the fact that the best of our story and sketch writers find their most remunerative employment in contributing to the periodicals now so popular with the public. The great daily newspaper, as now made up, contains more good literature than most periodicals, and reaches more trade and other classes destined to trade, and is far more religion than most religious sheets seem disposed to supply. Yet the religious journals of the country remain the most prosperous and most influential of the weekly press now published. There are more than 200 exclusively religious papers published in the United States and Canada, and the best authorities agree that the combined circulation of these is about 2,000,000.

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DEMOCRATIC MEETING AT PALMER.

A correspondent of THE OREGONIAN writes from Salem under date of Thursday May 13. "A large crowd of supporters of his party in his home town has gathered to meet him this evening. He is to speak on the day of OREGONIAN's birth.

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